GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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IMPROVEMENT IN OLD COACHES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the condition of the old rail coaches is very bad; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to bring improvements in the old rail coaches?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. The condition of all the rail coaches is regularly improved by suitable maintenance attention. Coaches of Mail and Express trains are given Periodic Overhaul (POH) after every 12 months and those of Passenger coaches after every 18 months. Mid life Rehabilitation of some coaches is also carried out after 12-15 years of life of the coach. During this rehabilitation, the coach is given extensive corrosion repair and internal fittings are renewed. However, due to funds constraints it has not been possible to give mid life rehabilitation to all coaches of Indian Railways.